

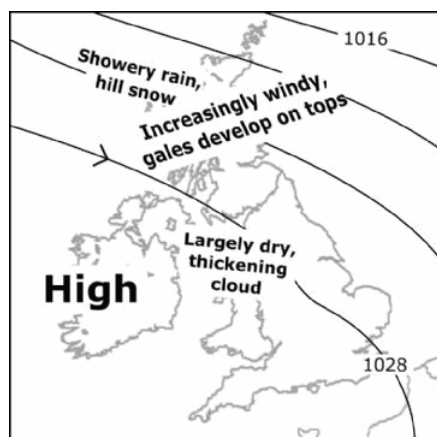
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Conistone.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 31 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 December, 2025

Much terrain frozen, frost into valleys and glens in the morning, all day out of sunlight, but temperature and freezing level tending to lift toward 800m from west. Showery rain and hill snow moving into W-NW Scotland. Wind strengthening, becoming gales over tops in Scotland during day, then N England after dark.

Headline for Lake District

Strengthening wind. Cloud lowering, largely dry day.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly backing westerly 15 to 25mph, increasing to 25 to 35mph through the day, 40mph onto tops into evening and night.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for increasingly blustery conditions with considerable wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry until late, local flurries Dry much of day, risk patchy showers toward dusk, snow flurries on upper slopes mostly in west, then later evening and overnight more frequent or persistent showery rain and upland snow.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowering onto fells from west Fells starting clear, but increasingly low cloud will move in from the west to cover upper slopes towards and into the afternoon above around 700m. Some patches drifting onto high tops in east.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% at first, lowering to 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright start with sun through high cloud, but cloud building from west. Visibility mostly very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around -1C. Feeling closer to -8C in the strongest winds afternoon.
Freezing Level	All levels in morning, well below freezing with widespread frost into valleys, but lifting to 500-600m, slightly higher from dusk.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 30 to 40mph.	North-northwesterly 25 to 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking, frequent buffeting in exposure higher up. Significant wind chill.	Significant wind chill over the fells. Strenuous walking and balance affected on exposed tops and ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers mostly early near coast Showers over the Irish Sea occasionally moving onto coastal hills mainly in southwest Lakes in the morning, falling as snow above 500-600m, possible hail. Often dry middle of day and afternoon.	Precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Patches mostly western tops Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes mostly western Lakeland above 700-800m, rarely grazing higher tops further east.	Mostly little Patches clipping some high tops occasionally, but mostly clear fells.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine. Visibility very good, occasionally reduced in showers.	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.	-3 or -4C (-6C highest summits). Wind chill feeling like -15C on tops.
Freezing Level	500 to 700m, highest near to coasts. Into night dropping sub-zero to lower slopes.	Most terrain frozen, barely rising above zero inland valleys; just above freezing up to 300-400m nearest coast.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 1 January, 2026

Significantly cold wintry conditions into the start of January. Air temperature well below freezing on high terrain, plus low minima into many glens and valleys with sustained hard frost. Strong northerly winds later this week giving severe wind chill. Frequent and heavy snow showers moving into northern areas and running down coastal extremities with significant accumulations. Elsewhere, lots of dry and sunny weather, although occasional organised bands of snow will feed south at times in the Arctic airflow. Staying cold into next week with scope for snowfalls more widely.

Forecast issued at 16:28 on Tuesday, 30 December, 2025

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